

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
May 11, 2017
8:45 a.m.
Legislative Office Building, Room 643

ATTENDEES:

Chairs: **Arp, Burr, Dollar, Faircloth, L. Johnson, Lambeth, and McGrady**

Members: **Adcock, Ager, Autry, Ball, Belk, J. Bell, Black, Blackwell, Boles, Boswell, Brawley, Brisson, Brockman, Bumgardner, Clampitt, Cleveland, Conrad, Corbin, Cunningham, Davis, Dixon, Dulin, Earle, Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Floyd, Ford, Fraley, Garrison, Gill, C. Graham, G. Graham, Grange, D. Hall, K. Hall, Hardister, Harrison, Horn, Hunter, Hurley, Iler, Jackson, John, Lucas, Malone, Martin, Michaux, McNeill, Murphy, Pierce, Pittman, Potts, Presnell, Quick, B. Richardson, W. Richardson, Riddell, Rogers, Ross, Sauls, Setzer, Shepherd, Speciale, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, B. Turner, R. Turner, Watford, White, Willingham, Wray, Yarborough**

I. Call to Order

Senior Chair, Nelson Dollar presided and called the meeting to order at 8:54 a.m.

II. Introductions

Representative Dollar introduced Sergeant-at-Arms staff assisting with the meeting. Also introduced were students serving as Pages.

III. HB280 Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act

Chairman Chuck McGrady introduced HB280 Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act that would place sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds with the exception of those involving certain felonies in the juvenile system. .

Mark White, Fiscal Analysis, reviewed the Legislative Fiscal Note outlining the fiscal impact the passage of HB280 would have over the next five years.

Chief Legal Counsel for the Administrative Office of the Court, Tom Murry and Billy Lassiter, Deputy Commissioner of Juvenile Justice at NC Department of Public Safety spoke to the positive effects lowering the age of juvenile jurisdiction to 17 years of age may have not only on the punishment associated with the crime but also a more positive rehabilitation for the individual. In cases where needed, access to mental health services could be made available.

The following committee members spoke to the bill: Stevens, Garrison, C. Graham, Quick, Brawley, Fisher Cunningham and John.

Ashley Wells, representing the Conference of North Carolina District Attorneys, informed the committee that districts could not handle the additional workload without funding.

Follow-up comments were received from Representatives: Morey, Pittman, Hurley, Rogers, Faircloth, Riddell, Conrad, Michaux, Brawley, Floyd, Farmer-Butterfield, and Torbett.

Representative Lambeth moved for a favorable report of HB280: Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Adjournment

The House Committee on Appropriations adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Nelson Dollar, Senior Chair

Panthea Briles, Committee Clerk

Attachments: Agenda
Attendance
Handouts